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October 7, 2013

FLETCHER & SIPPEL LLC
Attn: MICHAEL BARRON
29 N WACKER DR STE 920
CHICAGO IL 60606

RE: Environmental Review for Natural Resources
Abandonment of railroad tracks
Cedar Rapids
Linn County
Section 3, Township 83 N, Range 7 W

Dear Mr. Barron,

Thank you for inviting Department comment on the impact of this project. The Department has searched for records of rare species and significant natural communities in the project area and found no site-specific records that would be impacted by this project. However, these records and data are not the result of thorough field surveys. If listed species or rare communities are found during the planning or construction phases, additional studies and/or mitigation may be required.

This letter is a record of review for protected species, rare natural communities, state lands and waters in the project area, including review by personnel representing state parks, preserves, recreation areas, fisheries and wildlife but does not include comment from the Environmental Services Division of this Department. This letter does not constitute a permit. Other permits may be required from the Department or other state or federal agencies before work begins on this project.

Please reference the following IDNR Environmental Review/Sovereign Land Program tracking number assigned to this project in all future correspondence related to this project: 9387.

If you have questions about this letter or require further information, please contact me at (515) 281-8967.

Sincerely,

Kelly Poole
Environmental Specialist
Conservation and Recreation Division

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